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HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE IRISH INFORMATION
ON STATUS OF REPORT PREPARED BY STAFF OF COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS ON TURKISH VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS AND THEIR

WILLINGNESS TO SHARE THINKING AND CONCERNS ON HOW TO HANDLE
ISSUE. WE HOPE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH MFA AS IRISH DISCUSS WITH OTHER COUNCIL OF
EUROPE MEMBERS TIMING AND SCENARIO FOR HANDLING OF REPORT.
WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN IRISH DIALOGUE WITH THE
TURKS AND IN PARTICULAR ANY INDICATION WHETHER GOT WILL TRY
TO REBUT AND RESPOND TO CHARGES (OPTION B, PARA 5 REFTEL).

2. WE HAVE NOT SEEN TEXT OF REPORT AND THUS ARE NOT
FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS. AS NON-MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF
EUROPE, US DOES NOT WANT TO PUT FORWARD IDEAS RE HOW TO
HANDLE REPORT BUT WOULD ASSUME NORMAL COUNCIL PROCEDURES
WOULD BE FOLLOWED. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE CONCERN WITH
HUMAN RIGHTS ON CYPRUS AND ELSEWHERE, BUT WE WOULD NOTE

THAT NEXT TWO-THREE MONTHS MAY HOPEFULLY INDICATE TURKISH
FLEXIBILITY ON CYPRUS AND SOME WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD
NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. THUS, ON BALANCE, WE WOULD TEND TO
PREFER THAT CONSIDERATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT
NOT COINCIDE WITH PERIOD DURING WHICH THERE IS SOME
PROSPECT OF FORWARD MOVEMENT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT WHICH
COULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD A SOLUTION TO THE HUMAN
RIGHTS PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS. (IN THIS RESPECT WE NOTE THAT
AN OVERALL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS THE ONE EVENT
MOST LIKELY TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL CYPRIOTS).

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